

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (original) A vehicle accessory mounting assembly comprising:
 - a vehicle accessory, said accessory having at least one bracket joining zone;
 - a mounting bracket having at least one accessory joining zone, and at least one vehicle attachment zone;
 - a vehicle, said vehicle having at least one corresponding accessory joining zone;
 - a first means of joining the bracket joining zone to the accessory joining zone, wherein the first means of joining comprises at least one means from the group consisting of forming, welding, bonding, taping, mechanical joining, or taper locking;
 - a second means of joining the vehicle attachment zone to a vehicle, wherein the second means of joining comprises at least one means from the group consisting of forming, welding, bonding, taping, mechanical joining, or taper locking;
 - a means of joining said bracket joining zone to said mounting bracket joining zone precisely utilizing datum locators;

a means of joining the vehicle attachment zone to a vehicle precisely utilizing datum locators.

2. (withdrawn) A vehicle accessory mounting assembly comprising:

a vehicle accessory, said accessory having at least one vehicle joining zone;

a vehicle, said vehicle having at least one corresponding accessory joining zone;

a means of joining the vehicle joining zone to the accessory joining zone, wherein said means of joining comprises at least one means from the group consisting of forming, welding, bonding, taping, mechanical joining, or taper locking;

a means of joining the vehicle joining zone to the accessory joining zone, precisely utilizing datum locators.